

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California,  
December 15, 1924.

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, December 15, 1924, and was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Smith. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Deininger, Torrence and Smith. Absent: Fitzhugh.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 1, 1924, were read and approved as read.

The minutes of the adjourned, regular meeting of December 8, 1924 were read and approved as read.

A written communication from the Salm Manufacturing Company, asking permission to erect a wooden garage on the property owned by that company. Request granted and permit ordered on motion of Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks and a unanimous vote of the Trustees present.

Trustee Deininger introduced Mr. J. A. Cowan who spoke in regard to the sprinkling system manufactured by the Hadden Automatic Sprinkler Company of Los Angeles.

Trustee Deininger mentioned a complaint of Mr. Curler at 2314 Dominguez Street, in which he claimed the paving company had destroyed two lot stakes at the time Amapola Avenue and Dominguez St. were paved. The City Engineer was instructed to reset the stakes and make out a bill to the paving company for the work.

Trustee Deininger brought up the question of placing of a power pole by the Edison Company to serve the business building at corner of Carson and Gramercy. He said that the president and chairman of the street committee had personally investigated and approved the location of the pole near the property line and the pole had been so placed and was now in service.

Trustee Fitzhugh took his seat at 7:50 p.m.

After consideration of the communication and plans for the El Prado Parking improvement designed by Howard & Smith of Los Angeles, Trustee Deininger moved that the original contract price of Two Hundred Dollars for said design be paid Mr. Howard. Motion seconded by Trustee Brooks and carried by the following roll call vote:  
AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The matter of bonds and fees for contractors bidding on contracts in Torrance was, by unanimous consent, referred to the Ordinance committee for consideration and suggestions at a future meeting.

At 8:00 p.m., the application of the Seaboard Petroleum Corp. for a franchise was brought up and the bid of said company was opened and discussed. The Company claimed that it would be unnecessary for them to place the usual \$500.00 deposit for the performance of certain work under the terms of the franchise as the work had been completed. On motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks, the franchise was granted without the usual bond and an Ordinance ordered prepared, by the following roll call vote:  
AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.  
NOES; Trustees: None.  
ABSENT; Trustees: None.

In the matter of the application of G. W. Baker of Long Beach for a corrugated iron building on Double Street and Border Avenue, in which he asked the removal of the six months limitation, Trustee Deininger moved that the former permit granted Mr. Baker be cancelled and a new permit to build a galvanized iron building at the location mentioned be granted. Motion seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh and carried by unanimous vote.

City Attorney Briney read the deed from the Dominguez Land Company giving a quit-claim with numerous reservations to the land proposed to be used for a street as an extension of Redondo Boulevard, and dictated:

RESOLUTION NO. 215

BE IT RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance that the deed from the Dominguez Land Company dated October 27, 1924, and on file in the office of the City Clerk, be, and the same is hereby, accepted and ordered filed for record in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, California.

Trustee Deininger moved that the Resolution No. 215 be adopted as dictated and a copy of same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Torrence seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote; AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith. NOES; Trustees: None. ABSENT; Trustees: None.

The matter of parking automobiles on the P. E. Right of way was taken up for consideration and Attorney Briney was instructed to suggest a method of eliminating this dangerous practice.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 216

A RESOLUTION ORDERING A FRANCHISE TO  
THE PACIFIC ELECTRIC CO. COVERING A  
SPUR TRACK FOR THE WESTERN GLASS CO.

Trustee Deininger moved that Resolution No. 216 be adopted as read, and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence, Smith. NOES; Trustees: None. ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Attorney Briney read:

ORDINANCE NO. 100

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO PACIFIC ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY, A CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN A SPUR TRACK ACROSS AND ALONG BORDER AVE. AND 222ND STREET, IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA.

The above Ordinance was introduced by Trustee Fitzhugh for its first reading.

On account of having been engaged, since last meeting, almost all the time, Attorney Briney asked for more time in which to prepare several ordinances now under consideration by him.

Trustee Torrence read a letter from the Board of Trustees of the City of El Segundo with reference to pro rata contributions to the County Health Board for the district with headquarters at Redondo Beach. Trustee Brooks and City Clerk Bartlett were instructed to collaborate in the writing of a letter to Dr. Baker at Redondo Beach and also to answer the letter from the City of El Segundo along similar lines as the letter to the Redondo Beach office of the County Board of Health. It seemed to be the sense of the Board that too much was being required of Torrance when a payment of \$1500.00 is asked, that being 250% over last years' quota. The Board advised that an increase in proportion to the increase of the budget for next year would be acceptable and on motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh, the City Clerk

and Trustee Brooks were instructed to convey this information in the letters to El Segundo Board of Trustees and the Health Office at Redondo Beach by the following roll call vote:  
 AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Chairman of the Police Committee asked for time in which to make further investigation of the Western Avenue Auto Camp complaints and for making adjustment of conditions prevailing at said location. Extension of time was granted.

On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, the City Marshal was authorized to have the police auto varnished.

City Treasurer Dolley advised that there would be insufficient funds available for taking up coupons, there being a shortage of approximately \$3000.00. On motion by Trustee Fitzhugh, seconded by Trustee Brooks, The Treasurer was instructed to make payment from the General fund, the amount so used to be returned to the General fund when it is received under the appropriate account, carried by unanimous vote.

Trustee Deininger presented the Diagram of Land to be assessed for the paving of sidewalks. He introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 217

ADOPTING DIAGRAM OF LAND ASSESSED FOR  
 SIDEWALK PAVING

On motion by Trustee Deininger, seconded by Trustee Brooks, said Resolution No. 217 was adopted by the following roll call vote:  
 AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Brooks suggested that the deplorable condition of Hickory Street should be remedied in some way.

The dangerous curve at the junction of Western and El Prado was again referred to by Trustee Torrence. It was suggested that a fence should be placed so as to be visible from the north and west approach to this curve, and painted white.

Trustee Fitzhugh moved that the City Clerk be instructed to write a letter to the Chief Engineer of the Santa Fe calling attention to two crossings and ask that they be put in proper order and to grade. Seconded by Trustee Deininger and unanimously carried.

Trustee Deininger moved that all bills, properly audited, by paid. Seconded by Trustee Fitzhugh and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Deininger, Fitzhugh, Torrence and Smith.  
 NOES; Trustees: None.  
 ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 9:50 p.m. Trustee Deininger moved that the meeting adjourn; seconded by Trustee Brooks and carried by unanimous vote.

Approved:

*R. R. Smith*  
 President of the Board of Trustees  
 of the City of Torrance.

*A. H. Bartlett*  
 City Clerk of the City of Torrance.